

Decision 04-04-050 April 22, 2004

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of Gurpreet Kaur, individual, to acquire Royal Shuttle's certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate as a passenger stage operation between points in Alameda county, San Mateo county, and Santa Clara county, on the one hand, Oakland International Airport, San Jose International Airport, and San Francisco International Airport, on the other hand.

Application 04-02-015
(Filed February 18, 2004)

O P I N I O N

Summary

This decision grants the application to transfer, pursuant to Pub. Util. Code § 851 et seq., a passenger stage corporation (PSC) certificate from Balwinder S. Patrola (Transferor), an individual, to Gurpreet Kaur (Transferee), an individual.

Discussion

Transferor is authorized by Decision (D.) 97-04-075, as amended by D.98-12-014 and D.01-02-014, to operate as a passenger stage corporation (PSC-10568) to transport persons and their baggage on an on-call basis (1) between points in Alameda, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Marin, and Contra Costa Counties, on the one hand, and San Francisco (SFO), Oakland (OAK), and San Jose (SJC) International Airports, on the other hand; and (2) between SFO and points in San Francisco County, on the one hand, and OAK and SJC, on the other hand.

This application requests approval to transfer the PSC certificate from Transferor to Transferee. Transferor desires to leave the airport shuttle business.

Transferee states he is adequately financed, possess the necessary experience, and will have available the motor vehicle equipment necessary to continue Transferor's passenger stage operations. Transferee has agreed to purchase the certificate for \$1,000. His financial statement as of January 2004 discloses a net worth of \$317,000, of which \$300,000 is in property.

Notice of filing of the application appeared in the Commission's Daily Calendar on February 25, 2004.

In Resolution ALJ 176-3129 dated February 26, 2004, the Commission preliminarily categorized this application as ratesetting, and preliminarily determined that hearings were not necessary. No protest has been received. Given this status, public hearing is not necessary, and it is not necessary to alter the preliminary determinations made in Resolution ALJ 176-3129.

This is an uncontested matter in which the decision grants the relief requested. Accordingly, pursuant to Pub. Util. Code § 311(g)(2), the otherwise applicable 30-day period for public review and comment is being waived.

Assignment of Proceeding

Richard Clark is the assigned Examiner in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. Transferor is operating as a PSC pursuant to D.97-04-075, as amended.
2. Transferor requests approval to transfer his PSC authority to Transferee.
3. The proposed transfer will not be adverse to the public interest.
4. No protest to the application has been filed.
5. A public hearing is not necessary.
6. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.

Conclusions of Law

1. The proposed transfer is in the public interest and should be authorized.
2. Since the matter is uncontested, the decision should be effective on the date it is signed.
3. Only the amount paid to the State for operative rights may be used in rate fixing. The State may grant any number of rights and may cancel or modify the monopoly feature of these rights at any time.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Within 120 days from the effective date of this decision, Balwinder S. Patrola (Transferor), an individual, may transfer the operative rights specified in this application to Gurpreet Kaur (Transferee), an individual, subject to the conditions contained in the following paragraphs.
2. Transferee shall:
 - a. File a written acceptance of this certificate within 30 days after this order is effective.
 - b. Establish the authorized service within 120 days after this order is effective and adopt Transferor's tariffs and timetables, state in them when the service will start, make them effective 10 or more days after this order is effective, and allow at least 10 days' notice to the Commission.
 - c. Comply with General Orders Series 101 and 158, and the California Highway Patrol (CHP) safety rules.
 - d. Comply with the controlled substance and alcohol testing certification program pursuant to Pub. Util. Code § 1032.1 and General Order Series 158.
 - e. Maintain accounting records in conformity with the Uniform System of Accounts.

- f. Remit to the Commission the Transportation Reimbursement Fee required by Pub. Util. Code § 423 when notified by mail to do so.
- g. Comply with Pub. Util. Code §§ 460.7 and 1043, relating to the Workers' Compensation laws of this state.
- h. Enroll all drivers in the pull notice system as required by Section 1808.1 of the Vehicle Code.

3. Transferee is authorized to begin operations on the date that the Consumer Protection and Safety Division mails a notice to Transferee that his evidence of insurance and other documents required by Ordering Paragraph 2 have been filed with the Commission and that the CHP has approved the use of Transferee's vehicles for service.

4. The CPCN granted to Transferor by Decision 97-04-075, as amended, is revoked on the date Transferee is notified that he may commence operations as provided in Ordering Paragraph 3.

5. Before beginning service to any airport, Transferee shall notify the airport's governing body. Transferee shall not operate into or on airport property without authority from the airport's governing body.

6. The CPCN to operate as PSC-17337, granted herein, shall expire unless exercised within 120 days after the effective date of this order.

7. The Application is granted as set forth above.

8. This proceeding is closed.

This order is effective today.

Dated April 22, 2004, at San Francisco, California.

MICHAEL R. PEEVEY

President

CARL W. WOOD

LORETTA M. LYNCH

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SUSAN P. KENNEDY

Commissioners

CERTIFICATE
OF
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY
AS A PASSENGER STAGE CORPORATION
PSC-17337

Showing passenger stage operative rights, restrictions,
limitations, exceptions, and privileges

All changes and amendments as authorized by
the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California
will be made as revised pages or added original pages.

Supersedes the authority heretofore granted to
Balwinder S. Patrola, an individual, by Decision (D.) 97-04-075,
D.98-12-014, and D.01-02-014.

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SECTION I. GENERAL AUTHORIZATIONS, RESTRICTIONS,
LIMITATIONS, AND SPECIFICATIONS.

This certificate supersedes all passenger stage operative authority granted to Balwinder S. Patrola, an individual.

Gurpreet Kaur, an individual, by the certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by the decision noted in the foot of the margin, is authorized to transport passengers and their baggage on an "on-call" basis between points described in Section IIA and points described in Section IIB, over and along the routes described in Section III, subject, however, to the authority of this Commission to change or modify this authority at any time and subject to the following provisions:

- a. When a route description is given in one direction, it applies to operation in either direction unless otherwise indicated.
- b. The term "on-call," as used, refers to service which is authorized to be rendered dependent on the demands of passengers. The tariffs shall show the conditions under which each authorized on-call service will be provided, and shall include the description of the boundary of each fare zone, except when a single fare is charged to all points within a single incorporated city.
- c. No passengers shall be transported except those having a point of origin or destination as described in Section IIB.
- d. This certificate does not authorize the holder to conduct any operation on the property of any airport unless such operation is authorized by the airport authority involved.

SECTION II. SERVICE AREA.

- A. Points and places in the Counties of Santa Clara, Alameda, San Mateo, San Francisco, Marin, and Contra Costa.
- B. San Francisco International Airport (SFO)
Oakland International Airport (OAK)
San Jose International Airport (SJC)

SECTION III. ROUTE DESCRIPTIONS.

Route 1 – SJC/OAK/SFO

Commencing from any point in Section IIA (except San Francisco County), then over the most convenient streets, expressways, and highways to any airport described in Section IIB.

Route 2 – San Francisco/SFO

Commencing from any point in San Francisco County, or SFO, then over the most convenient streets, expressways, and highways to SJC or OAK.